

## Decision by Portfolio Holder



**Report reference: LCS-008-2017/18**  
**Date of report: 12 January 2018**

**Epping Forest  
District Council**

**Portfolio: Leisure and Community Services**  
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**Subject: Grant Aid Scheme – Allocation of Budget and Applications for Determination - December 2017**

### Decision:

1. That funding from the Grant Aid Scheme (one-off grants) for 2017/18 totalling £21775 be awarded to; Nazeing Parochial Church Council, Samaritans – Redbridge Branch, 1<sup>st</sup> Theydon Garnon Scouts, Grant A Smile, Spark, 1<sup>st</sup> Moreton & Fyfield Scout Group, Revitalize Respite Holidays and Epping Forest Community Transport under the terms of the Grant Aid scheme, for the reasons stated and subject to any conditions set out in Column 4 of Appendix 1 attached.
2. That the applications from Accuro and Action for Family Carers be deferred for the reasons set out in Column 3 of Appendix 2, and
3. Waltham Abbey Community Centre be refused for the reasons set out in Column 3 of Appendix 3.

<b>ADVISORY NOTICE:</b> <i>A Portfolio Holder may not take a decision on a matter on which he/she has declared a Pecuniary interest. A Portfolio Holder with a non-pecuniary interest must declare that interest when exercising delegated powers.</i>	
I have read and approve/ <del>do not approve</del> (delete as appropriate) the above decision:	
Comments/further action required:	
Signed: Councillor H Kane	Date: 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2018
<i>Non-pecuniary interest declared by Portfolio Holder/ conflict of non-pecuniary interest declared by any other consulted Cabinet Member:</i>  None	<i>Dispensation granted by Standards Committee:</i> Yes/No or n/a  N/A
<b>Office use only:</b> Call-in period begins: 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Expiry of Call-in period: 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2018

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Portfolio Holder:**

**Reason for decision:**

Through the Grant Aid Scheme consideration is given to applications received in respect of one-off grants from voluntary and community groups. The approval of such grants ensures the provision of much valued projects and services within the district.

**Options considered and rejected:**

Options considered in terms of grant applications were for approval (and, if so, the amounts concerned), deferral or refusal. There were no other options for consideration and the only transfer of funds, which is possible, is from the Grants to Voluntary Organisations Budget within the Leisure and Community Services Portfolio.

**Background Report:****Resource Implications:**

£83,450 set aside for grants to voluntary organisations in 2017/18.

The one-off grants now put forward for approval amount to £21775. The total amount previously spent on one-off grants for 2017/18 being £47367. This leaves £14308 for the consideration of grants during the remainder of 2017/18. (See Appendix 4 attached)

**Legal and Governance Implications:**

Local Government Act 1972 137; Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Section 9.

**Safer, Cleaner and Greener Implications:**

There are no specific implications in terms of Crime and Disorder or Environmental issues within the District.

**Consultation Undertaken:**

Discussions have taken place with applicant groups, Ward Councillors and Officers.

**Background Papers:**

The Grant Aid application forms for the grant together with supporting information.

**Impact Assessments:****Risk Management:**

No formal assessments carried out.

**Key Decision Reference (Y/N): N****Equality Analysis:**

The Equality Act 2010 requires that the Public Sector Equality Duty is actively applied in decision-making. This means that the equality information provided to accompany this report is essential reading for all members involved in the consideration of this report. The equality information is provided at Appendix 5 to the report.

## GRANT AID APPROVALS – 2017/18

## APPENDIX 1

<b>Column 1 Group</b>	<b>Column 2 Nature of Application</b>	<b>Column 3 Amount Approved £</b>	<b>Column 4 Comments</b>
Nazeing Parochial Church Council	Funding was requested to put towards churchyard and nature reserve maintenance	£2500	It is recognised that there is a need for specialist services and knowledge in order to complete this work. The area is well supported by local volunteers.
Samaritans – Redbridge Branch	The application was for running costs.	£1500	Funding was approved for outreach work, a focus being required on informing Epping Forest residents of the services available for them at Samaritans
Grant A Smile	Equipment to support cleaning of homes/gardens for parents and children affected by life threatening illnesses	£580	The Grant Aid scheme does encourage new initiatives and this is a recently set up scheme. The group will be asked to evidence the support they are providing to Epping Forest residents.
1 <sup>st</sup> Theydon Garnon Scouts	Scout Hut Refurbishment	£5000	The group have been proactive in their fundraising efforts, securing £60000 funds elsewhere. This refurbishment will ensure that the building can be used by other community groups as well as the scouts. Scouting is a valuable voluntary group for the local young people and it offers them a wide range of activities.
Spark	Equipment for youth club and counselling service	£2000	The group runs local projects for young people including post 16 advice and guidance, youth clubs, mentoring and counselling. The approved funding is to go towards their counselling service and equipment.
1 <sup>st</sup> Moreton & Fyfield Scout Group	Purchase of minibus for scout group	£3000	This is an active group within the district offering a wide range of activities for young people within a rural community. Active fundraising has taken place prior to submitting the application.

Revitalise Respite Holidays	A lighting upgrade is required within the facility	£2195	Revitalise provide breaks with care for disabled people and their carers. Over 1500 people visit the facility annually and it has been part of the local community for the last 50 years. Funding was approved to replace lighting in communal area to LED
Epping Forest Community Transport	Funding was requested for laptops and App development	£5000	EFCT is for people who have difficulty accessing conventional transport and also plays a critical role within our rural communities. Funding was approved for an Ap which will monitor routes and save time in recording information. The Driver App will allow live local information to the customer.

#### APPLICATIONS DEFERRED

#### APPENDIX 2

Column 1 Group	Column 2 Nature of Application	Column 3 Comments
Accuro (Care Services)	Social & sports activity provision for young people. Funding to go towards equipment & publicity costs	Awaiting further information
Action For Family Carers	Funding requested towards an educational/social trip for their young carers.	Awaiting further information

#### APPLICATIONS REFUSED

#### APPENDIX 3

Column 1 Group	Column 2 Nature of Application	Column 3 Comments
Waltham Abbey Community Centre	Hall refurbishment	Local Councillors had expressed concerns about the current condition of the building which is in a state of disrepair. It was decided that at this particular time, the tax payer's money should not be spent if there is an opportunity in the near future of developing the area and replacing the current building for a new community centre which will be of greater benefit to local residents. Consideration taken from the local plan for this area.

**GRANT AID SCHEME 2017/18 – STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE FOLLOWING APPROVAL OF PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION**

Total Budget for Grants to Voluntary Organisations = £83,450

<b>One-Off Major Grants</b>	<b>Grant Approved</b>	
WAY 2000	5,000	
Chigwell Tennis Club	5,000	
Epping Forest Citizens Advice	193	
Epping Foresters Cricket Club	5,000	
Gardens of Hanbury Petenque Club	1,574	
GROW Community Garden	1,700	
Hastingwood Village Hall	3,700	
3rd Ongar Scouts	5,000	
Roydon Tennis Club	800	
The Roydon Society	1,500	
Waltham Abbey Woodcraft Folk	200	
Hertfordshire Boat Rescue	830	
Playground at Theydon Association (PAT)	5000	
Fyfield Bridge Club	1200	
Ongar & Villages Voluntary Care	1770	
Loughton Voluntary Care	1540	
Fyfield Village Hall	2500	
Loughton Broadway Town Partnership (BTCP)	£1500	
Loughton High Road Town Centre Partnership (LTCP)	£1000	
Ongar Town Football Club	£235	
Larsen Bowling Club	£625	
Roydon Playing Fields Management Association	£1500	
<b>Total Expenditure as at 30/10/17</b>		
<b>Amount remaining in budget prior to the approvals recommended in this decision sheet</b>		<b>36,083</b>
Nazeing Parochial Church Council	£2500	
Samaritans – Redbridge Branch	£1500	
Grant A Smile	£580	
1 <sup>st</sup> Theydon Garnon Scouts	£5000	
Spark	£2000	
1 <sup>st</sup> Moreton & Fyfield Scouts	£3000	
Revitalise Respite Holidays	£2195	
Epping Forest Community Transport	£5000	
<b>Amount recommended for approval as per this decision sheet</b>		<b>21775</b>
<b>Amount remaining if applications approved as per Appendix 1</b>		<b>14308</b>